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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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Roy Dewayne Holt - RIP

It is with a mix of sadness and joy that I inform you that Roy Holt died Tuesday, September 23, 2003, from pneumonia following a massive coronary thrombosis. Joy, because we know where Roy is and, if it were possible for man to do so, he earned his mansion. Sadness because I and Earth have lost a great friend, asset and scientist.

Roy was a founding director of CSA for Mid-America. He was born and spent much of his life in Kansas City. He was not among the original CSA organizers, but, as I recall, came to our first public meeting, and became quite active before we formally organized. In Kansas City, Roy was a physicist at Allied Signal. Shortly after he married in 1989, he accepted a job at Sandia National Labs and moved to Cedar Crest, a suburb of Albuquerque, NM where he has resided the last 14 years.

Roy never wavered in his commitment to Creation Science. He seemed to try to arrange his trips to Kansas City to coincide with CSA meetings. In fact, he attended the September, 2003, CSA meeting and we had great fellowship for hours afterward. Roy and I had worked for several years on a database of articles on creation research. Interestingly, he was satisfied with my efforts and I with his, but neither with our own.

The world would have called Roy "a fundamentalist" because he took God's word seriously. If ever "analyzed" by a psychologist, he likely would be labeled obsessive-compulsive because he was serious about truth, and careful before opening his mouth.

As I was reflecting on Roy and the last 20 years, I remembered what my atheist friend at the "Center for Inquiry" said after one of our debates, "You are a true agnostic." He quickly assured me it was a compliment because "An agnostic is someone who will only take a position when he is sure there is adequate evidence." Of course Thomas Huxley invented the word as part of his argument that there was **not** adequate evidence for God, therefore, a wise man would not endorse the idea of God. "But," my friend said, "you are a true agnostic because you are truly convinced there is adequate evidence for God." Well Roy deserves the title more than I. Roy believes (now knows) there is overwhelming evidence for God, and diligently devoted his earth-life to researching more of it, and sharing it with others.

Roy is so soft-spoken that I do not remember him ever raising his voice. But, most of the time, what he said was loud through its brevity and profundity, rather than in decibels. At our last gathering on this earth, September 2, as we humans are wont to do, I was lamenting the absurdity of some of the latest news. Roy shook his head and quietly uttered one word, "delusion." Nothing more was needed.

Roy's wife, Melanie (Beenken) Holt has asked that memorial contributions be sent to: AIG, PO Box 6330, Florence, KY 41022, or ICR PO Box 2667, El Cajon, CA 92021, or Creation Science Fellowship Museum Fund, PO Box 6212, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Roy strongly supported the first two, but his heart was in the third. He leaves Melanie, three children (Matthew, Bethany and Jessica), and brothers Dale, Ron, Don and Ken (the last two in the KC area).



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Highlights of the Fifth

International Conference on Creationism

It is sometimes asked, "Why don't creationists present at geology conferences, etc?" Some ICC authors have presented some of the same material in other scientific conferences, but what passes for science has, the last 100 years, become largely a religious orthodoxy in which even atheist material is excluded if it is not supportive of current pop theories. Creation Scientists have opted to work together in a forum in which ideas can be advanced, hashed out and progress accelerated. About 50 of over 100 submitted, refereed scientific papers were presented at the ICC. While the conference is not completely free of attempts at orthodoxy, it is more so than others, and, as evidenced by the last few conferences, **has** produced good progress, and has spawned a number of other technical creation conferences, e.g., a European Conference on Creation this past summer and the International Cosmology Conference October 31 to Nov 1, 2003, in Columbus, Ohio (www.worldbydesign.org/cosmology2003).

Starting September, 2003, nine men from CSA who attended ICC V are reviewing some of the papers presented. Videos of these reviews will be available for purchase or in the Lending Library. I'm also trying to provide summaries in CSA News:

Measurable 14C in Fossilized Organic Materials: Confirming the Young Earth Creation-Flood Model

*Baumgardner, John R., Ph.D., Snelling, Andrew A., Ph.D.,
Humphreys, D. Russell, Ph.D., and Austin, Steven A., Ph.D.*

Ask any laymen for the best proof of evolution. The odds-on reply will be "Carbon Dating." How does it prove evolution? "Well, it proves things are millions of years old." Fact: With state-of-the-art theory and equipment, the oldest date obtainable with C14 is 60,000 years. Fact: Because C14 is still not at equilibrium in the atmosphere, and should have been when the Earth reached its 31,000 birthday, Carbon 14 has always been, and remains, an excellent proof of a young earth.

But, over the last 20 years, secular science, using Carbon Dating, has provided another excellent proof of a young earth. Hundreds of objects (fossils, coal, oil, diamonds) "known to be

hundreds of millions of years old," when dated with the latest Carbon 14 equipment, all date 60,000 years or less. Such objects which are supposed to be even a million years old, should not contain any Carbon 14 today, but **all of them do!** The paper cites 90 secular science journal articles and books, all listing "very old objects" dated very young with C14!

Secular scientists have struggled 20 years to "explain" this away, proposing several possible causes:

❖ **Equipment not precise enough**

- The typical level of C14 in these objects is well over 100 times the equipment error range.

❖ **Contamination while in the ground (e.g., by water)**

- Even diamonds (rather impervious to water) get the same results.

❖ **Contamination by the researcher**

- Extremely careful procedures produce no change

❖ **Contamination or inherent error in the equipment**

- The equipment has been tested with very low C14 objects and zero C14 objects. It performs as it should.

No dent has been made in "the problem". C14 seems to prove that nothing on this planet was alive over 60,000 years ago!

An obvious question is, "I thought the earth was only 6,000 years old." It is, the difference is caused by wrong assumptions about the carbon cycle before the flood. Details are beyond the scope of this review, but two things cause pre-flood creatures to date old: 1. Most carbon before the Genesis Flood was in living things and in the forest floors. Today all that carbon is in the oceans and in carbonate rocks (limestone). This dramatically altered the ratio of C12 to C14 in living organisms, making those that died at or before the flood appear ridiculously old. 2. Many believe that earth conditions before The Flood did not permit C14 formation at today's rate. This, too, would make things living before the flood appear old to folks using today's C14 production rates. When these are considered, C14 is completely supportive of an earth age much less than 8,000 years!

Unconventional Gene Behavior and its Relationship to Pseudogenes - Woodmorappe, John, MA, BA

This ICC paper contained much genetic terminology. My summary attempts to remove most of it. The CSA meeting tape by Dr. Cal Myers covers it more thoroughly.

At the time of Darwin, a monk named Gregor Mendel was doing meticulous research breeding peas. He presented two papers stating he had observed a mathematical relationship in the inheritance of six characteristics of the peas, which he attributed to some unknown inheritance factor in the seed that he called "genes". His work seemed to provide a major problem for evolutionism and was ignored for over 35 years. About 1906, de Vries came up with the notion of "mutations" in these "genes" which could, he argued, introduce change into the Genes, giving evolution a "mechanism" for change.

Crick, et al, ascribed the inheritance to DNA molecules and genes were thought to be pieces of DNA. Scientists have spent millions experimenting with DNA. About mid-century, they began to discover that some DNA "coded for proteins." That is, a given string of DNA seemed to cause the organism to produce a certain protein. They learned that, apparently, only about 5% of the DNA coded for protein. The popular view became that the remaining 95% did nothing, it was "junk, merely a vestige of our evolutionary past." Few, if any, seemed concerned with an obvious issue: "If a gene merely "codes for" fingernail protein, why is it only on the fingertip? And why is it shaped like a fingernail rather than a blob?"

The "genes" that seemed to code for proteins also seemed to be organized like a sentence, like the capital letter and period of an English sentence, they seemed to have start and end-of-gene codes. Some "junk genes" appeared to have lost or damaged start and/or end codes, and were dubbed "pseudogenes".

These "pseudogenes" and other "junk genes" became, in the reasoning of unbelieving scientists, "evidence" against creation because: 1. To evolutionist minds there was so much "junk DNA" that it must be a vestige of our evolutionary past because a god would not have created so much junk. 2. Some of these "pseudogenes" have been purportedly found in other creatures, some of which are supposedly our ancestors, so "obviously, we inherited junk from them." I (and apparently Woodmorappe) have been laughing about this "evidence for evolution" for years:

- ♦ The Human Genome project wasn't even begun when these claims were first made. Man knew almost nothing about what 95% of the DNA did. It is important for us, who are targets of incessant propaganda by God's enemies, to note that, even now that the Human Genome project is "complete," we only, supposedly, have a fairly good list of the common chemicals on the DNA chain. **Man still does not know where most human genes are or what they do!** Genome information is being parceled out to researchers to attempt to make sense out of it. Until then, all we have is a list of chemicals, with some beginning knowledge of some functions of some of them.

As we have gained knowledge, we have learned that

- Typical of human science, DNA is much more complex than many scientists believed (surprise, surprise).
- Many purportedly junk genes do have function (well, well).
- Many "pseudogenes" do not have start/end codes, but still function. Most do not "code for protein."
- Some genes seem to only "switch" others off and on
- DNA sequences in different organisms may appear similar, but often do not deal with the same parts of the organism
- "Junk genes" could all, like "vestigial organs", turn out to have important function of which we were simply ignorant
- Claims of "mutation" may frequently be premature. The gene may have changed by design rather than accident, but, in most cases, we remain ignorant of the design. Evolutionists seem to have a habit of elevating their ignorance to a proof that God does not exist.
- Last, similar genes among creatures are being called AGE (Altruistic Gene Elements), and indicate designed movement of genes among creatures to produce pre-planned effects.

Many years ago I proposed that genes do not determine whether you are a man or mouse, as evolutionists claim. Rather, I suggested that they only specify the "options" on the creature similar to the way the "manifest" at a General Motors plant cannot cause a tricycle to emerge, but can only determine the options on the models of Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac produced at that plant. There have been many hints of the truth of that claim over the years, but one in which I took delight was a comment by the director of the Human Genome Project when it was released: "We shall have to look elsewhere [outside the genes] for the source of the complexity of human beings." (Paraphrased)

Years ago, your reviewer also predicted that function would be discovered for most or all of the DNA, and that man would also discover "Error Correction Codes (ECC) and Mechanisms" which, like larger computers are able to correct errors in transmission, even across generations. That is, at least some genetic errors would be "self-correcting". We are barely started accomplishing the former and evidence for the latter is in scientific literature many years. Do not be deceived. Man has not figured it out yet. Man may not be even close!

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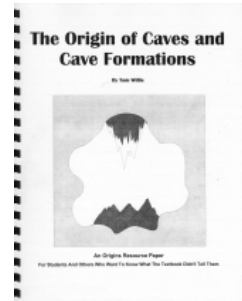
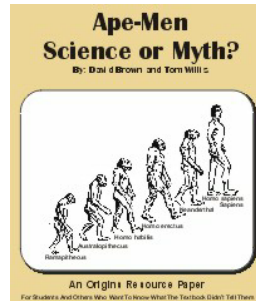
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CSA Meetings for November 4 and December 2, 2003

More Highlights of the Fifth International Conference on Creationism

Nine CSA members attended the ICC this year. At these two meetings CSA leaders will continue our review of ICC papers.

November 4 Meeting

The Ubiquity of the Divine (Golden) Ratio and Fibonacci Numbers Throughout the Heavens and Earth, by Frederick A. Willson, M.S. Review by Doug Dexheimer [It seems highly unlikely that widespread use of these mathematical patterns in nature could have been caused by "nature".]

Noah's flood: Fact or Fiction by Brad Harrub, Ph.D., Review by Josh Willis [A Basic Track talk: excellent summary of evidence for the Genesis Flood, and refutation of the claims of detractors]

Radiohalos - A Tale of Three Granitic Plutons by Andrew A. Snelling, Ph.D. and Armitage, Mark H. Review by Tom Willis [Quite solid evidence for historical, enormously accelerated radiometric decay, and for rapid cooling of large granite formations.]

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Helium Diffusion Rates Support Accelerated Nuclear Decay, by Russell Humphreys, Ph.D., Steven Austin, Ph.D., John Baumgardner, Ph.D., Andrew Snelling, Ph.D. Review by Mark Matthews. [Another key physical evidence for historical accelerated radiometric decay]

The Genre of Genesis 1 by David M. Fouts, Th.D. Review by Don Ensign [What type of writing is Genesis 1? Is it poetry, metaphor, history? Fouts has proposed a surprisingly infomative analytical approach]

Catastrophic Plate Tectonics: The Physics Behind the Genesis Flood by John R. Baumgardner, Ph.D. Review by Doug Dexheimer [One of the world's leading geophysicists continues his modeling of tectonic movement in weeks rather than eons]

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